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Letter dated 27 July 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to express the serious concerns of the Government of the Republic of Croatia concerning the recent developments in the occupied territories of Croatia, in particular in sector "Vukovar".

The irregular Serbian forces are conducting "military exercises" throughout the sector and have been deploying new troops and equipment from the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)". Since 25 July 1995 the 18th armoured brigade of the 12th "Army of Yugoslavia" Corps from Novi Sad, Vojvodina, armed with over 30 T-55 tanks, 10 armoured personnel carriers and one mixed artillery battery consisting of 18 guns and howitzers of various calibres, along with over 1,000 troops, has been operationally deployed in Baranja, within the sector on the occupied territory of Croatia.

In the period from 19 to 21 July, from the Valjevo and Prokuplje barracks of the "Army of Yugoslavia" within the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)", additional military equipment was transferred, including 10 T-34 tanks, over 250 tons of ammunition, and equipment for pontoon bridges.

We have observed a sharp increase of assistance to the command and control structure of the Serbian irregular forces on the occupied territories, provided by professional staff of the "Army of Yugoslavia", in particular in the field of communication. In this regard, the presence of Major-General Ljubo Andjelkovic,

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Assistant Commander for Communications of the "Army of Yugoslavia" General Staff, has recently been observed in the sector on a regular basis.

The United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO) has not yet deployed in accordance with its mandate, as defined in Security Council resolution 981 (1995), thus allowing for this very serious development, which my Government sees as a continuation of previous practices that my Government found unacceptable. The attention to the problem of the continued presence of the "Army of Yugoslavia" personnel and equipment on the occupied territories of Croatia was first brought to your attention in the letter of my Minister for Foreign Affairs (A/50/119-S/1995/223, annex). This incident further emphasizes the need to re-evaluate the cooperation of the Belgrade authorities in the peace process, and in particular in the light of Council resolution 1003 (1995).

I would kindly request your assistance in distributing the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under item 92 of the provision agenda, and of the Security Council.

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